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On The Cover

An unidentified rider makes his way down the track as the 307 Riders recently held their fourth annual Grass Drag event in Gillette. Half of the proceeds from this year's event went to benefit 13-year-old Newcastle rider and cancer survivor JR Graham.

For more on JR and the 307 Riders event, check out the story on page 11.

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Stan Horning Prepress

WSSA President

Hello WSSA Members,

Each day seems to get a little cooler and I was hunting in 6-8 inches of snow so we are getting closer to fun time!

I started going through sleds, yeah I may be a little early, but hunting in snow got the juices flowing so I couldn't resist. Thinking back on last season, I have some tips and information. 1) Rocks don't roll, it's best to avoid them. 2) Rocks hide just under the snow, similar to landmines and cause similar destruction. 3) Rocks can congregate at the top of smooth looking knolls. How do I know these things? Ummm, I heard it from a friend who heard it from a friend who heard it from another..... You get the point.

Please make sure to attend an avalanche class if at all possible, you want to be able to save a friend or family member, but you also want them to be able to save you. Take some time and go over every bit of equipment you have, it's easy to forget the small things like batteries for safety devices, candles, space blanket, knives, flashlights, something to eat if you get in trouble. These things don't take up much space but could definitely make the difference between surviving a night out, or not surviving. We love this sport so make sure you live to ride another day.

It looks like things are starting to heat up in Teton County and the WSA's, please be ready to write letters, go to meetings, speak up, and fight for our access to our public lands. Both the Jackson Snow Devils and the AMPL group have written letters and forwarded them on to me. I have asked them to keep me up to speed and let me know what the WSSA can do to assist them in this fight. They will need help and it will need to come from individual comments, letters from two or three groups alone won't be able to get the job done. In case you have not heard of the group suing the Forest Service, it is a group who calls themselves Mountain Pursuit. They are using the angle of being hunters to fight for wilderness and they want to lock people out of public lands. Their article is at this link: <https://www.mtnpursuit.org/articles>. it also contains their filed complaint and appendix. I encourage you to read up on them and the twist they have put together in their pursuit. Their name is partially correct but it comes short of being accurate. The name Mountain Pursuit should also include the word Wilderness in the title, it should be Mountain Wilderness Pursuit. Please read up on them and be familiar with their tactics, they will do no favors at all for any mechanized travel and they use lots of vague generalities on their web page. We will do whatever we can to help fight this lawsuit but we need everyone to pitch in. Keep in mind, if they get this land shut down to the public, it makes it that much easier to shut other land down to the public. So, even though this may not be your back yard, yours could be affected if this goes through.

Please feel free to contact me if I can do anything to help your clubs, I will always do what I can.



TAYLOR JONES

WSSA Secretary/Treasurer

SUNNY MADDEN

Hello everyone! I hope your fall is going well and you are getting ready for the snow to start flying. I sure am! I have sent out emails to each of the clubs with attachments for updating your officer and membership lists. I have received emails back from several clubs with a change of officers. I am working to get those officers added to my email list and will send all correspondence to the new officers. Please let me know if you need anyone else added to the email list. My email is wssasunny@gmail.com.

I am looking forward to the Denver Snow Show, October 11 and 12 and the Salt Lake Snow Show October 24 and 25. WSSA will be sharing a booth at the Denver show with the Snowy Range Snowmobile Club and with ACSA at the Salt Lake show. If you are there come find us!

Happy fall and think snow!

District 13

GARY NEELY

Hello all from Pinedale, We are getting quite a cool down and have snow in the high country. Exciting!!

But as we all know it is just a little early yet. The new ORV trails at Meadow Lk. and Burnt Lk. are now complete. Thanks to the USFS, the Pinedale Snow Explorers/Altitude Off-road, and to Forrest and his State Trails crew. Thank you all.

We are starting to plan our winter events now. We are working with the Sweetwater Snowpokes and are planning some rides that combine both clubs. Should be fun!

We still have hunting season to get through...But think snow and it will be here before you know it. That's it from Pinedale.

District 9

GEORGE PRYICH

Hello Everyone! Were you ready for that early winter blast?! Time to check out your avalanche beacon, shovel, and probe for this season as well as your sleds and clothing. Replace batteries in the beacons, communication devices, or other electronics you may use. Please be safe out there. Happy Thanksgiving!

Deadline for the next Wrangler is November 1!

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Cody Country Snowmobile Club

BRENDA MILLER
DISTRICT 5
REPRESENTATIVE



The Cody club is gearing up for a great snowmobile season. We hope that the farmer's almanac is right with their predictions for this winter.

We are now two meeting into the season and while our first meeting got us off to a slow start; we are still getting a lot accomplished. We have cut wood for the safety shelter and then after the work was done, we had a social barbecue. The steaks were great and it was nice to get to chat with everyone that showed up to help. Despite the chilly weather and the snow on the ground.

We have our shelter loaded with wood and it is up on the mountain just waiting the day that we open for the season. This year we got everything setup prior to opening for the season and then just put a bar across the door until hunting season is over. This should help us on the amount of time it takes to set the shelter up for the season. Then we can go play sooner!

We are now looking forward to getting our fall highway cleanup done (weather depending of course), as well as checking our back trail for down timber. We have talked about participating in our Christmas parade this year after taking a year off last year. Now we just need to come up with thoughts on how to decorate a float.

We hope the early season is going well for the rest of the clubs in our state and we are sending our thoughts and prayers for a speedy recovery of Becky Thorne of the Casper Snow Gypsies.





Dubois Sno Katters

JAY SLAGOWSKI
DISTRICT 12
REPRESENTATIVE

Hello everyone from the Dubois Sno-Katters!

Fall is officially here, and we have had a hint of winter in the high country. We are looking forward to the upcoming snowmobile season and hope it's nice and deep.

The club has begun our annual service projects, starting with our aluminum can crushing for scholarships, and soon will be stocking fire wood in our local safety shelters before they are pulled to their winter destinations in December.

Our officer line up has changed a bit, with John Henry Lee elected as our new club president. With all other officers remaining the same.

I was able to attend the fall WSSA meeting in Sundance, in early September, and you can rest assured that all of the people in the group are working diligently to protect our sport as well as finding new ways to grow and prosper in ever changing times.

Special thanks to all of the WSSA officers for the warm welcome as new district 12 representative. It's nice to hang out with people that share the same passion for snowmobiling as I do.

I'm sure Taylor will have some updates in regards to the business discussed during the meeting, so I won't steal any of the thunder from the president, but feel free to contact me directly if you want to know more about what's going on with WSSA or in the upper Wind River Country.

Hope you having a great fall, and look forward to seeing you on the mountain.

Happy Trails!



Photos courtesy of WYDOT

Jackson Hole Snow Devils

JORDYN MCDUGALL

Jackson Hole Snow Devils had the season's first meeting. The board was excited to announce all the donations for the previous season. The Snow Devils were able to donate

\$30,000 to the Shriners, bringing the lifetime donation total to the Shriners to \$219,500. The check was presented at the Jackson Hole Shriners Club Rodeo in September. Reid Schouboe Memorial Scholarship also received \$30,000, lifetime donation total to the Scholarship fund: \$109,000. AMPL is to receive \$10,000. Teton County Youth and Family received \$6,000. Snow King Mountain will get \$3,000 to update and repair emergency toboggans.

Deciding what to do with tips from the World Championship Hill Climb event is always a special decision. This year the Snow Devils focused the attention on a family who had recently and suddenly lost their father, the Jeremy Scholes Memorial Fund. Beer tent tips, Little Devils Pepsi tent tips, and live raffle items combined to \$24,192 of donations raised. The Snow Devils board added to the fund, rounding it up to \$30,000 for the family.

The total donations to date for the Jackson Hole Snow Devils: \$1,140,618.



Sweetwater Snowpokes and ATV Club

ANGELINA PRYCH

Did you enjoy the early winter weather? Are you in the mood for snow-related activities? The Snowpokes are busy preparing for several events in November.

1. The Bridger-Teton Avalanche Center will present an avalanche awareness class in Rock Springs on November 15-16 at Western Wyoming Community College.

2. Vintage Show on November 23 at Bunning Hall from 10 am to 4 pm in Rock Springs. Do you have an old machine? Bring that oldie and join us! Call Brian at 307-350-2274 to register your entry.

3. "Thunderstruck 18" at the Broadway Theater in Rock Springs also on November 23. Doors open at 6 p.m. Everyone welcome!

Check the Facebook page for information and updates (<https://www.facebook.com/Snowpokes>).



The 2018 Vintage Snow Show.

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Riverton Sno Goers

KRISTY ECKLEY

Hello fellow snow lovers! Cheers to another fabulous season on the snow. Happy fall! and it's a cold one at that!

The Sno-Goers were very busy with their first year as an all year around club, summer was busier than imagined!

We had many great activities, including a booth with the Lander Snowdrifters, at the Wyoming outdoor expo and we built our first ever float for the Lander Pioneer Days Fourth of July parade, which turned out absolutely phenomenal and was a great time had by all.

As always, we did our annual Boysen club camp out at tough Creek Campground in August. It was a great turn out, with tons of fun, floating the Wind River Canyon, and sitting around the campfire for a couple evenings. We had lots of great food and plenty of camaraderie! In July, six members did our annual Highway clean up on South Pass. Upcoming events are TBA after the November meeting. We have upcoming elections of new officers and many new changes ahead for the upcoming season. Stay tuned for some exciting news and changes! Happy October all!



(Above) June highway clean up.

(Right) July 4, Lander Pioneer Days parade float.

ED KLIM **Facts About Snowmobiling - 2019**

As we begin the 2019-20 snowmobiling season, we thought you may be interested in the following facts while you are preparing to go ride this season:

1. Snowmobilers come in all ages. The average snowmobiler however, is 45 years old.
2. The average snowmobile snowmobiler last season rode 1,500 miles/2,414 kilometers (a 20% increase in ridership compared to 2018.) The number of miles ridden, on average, is dependent on snow cover, so we will see if Mother Nature brings us more days of snow for riding this season.
3. Many snowmobilers belong to a club and participate in many of their club's events. Clubs hold great riding events, great parties, and are made up of wonderful people that become great friends. Join a club and have a great time!!!
4. About 50% of the people that snowmobile, trailer their snowmobile to their riding area. The other 50% ride from their home or cabin.
5. Snowmobiling is a family friendly activity. Most of all those responding to surveys report that they snowmobile with family and with friends and with club members.
6. Snowmobilers are outdoor recreationists all year

around. Following is a list of recreational activities that snowmobilers participate in when they aren't out riding:

- 60% go ATV Riding
 - 57% go Camping
 - 54% go Fishing
 - 53% go Boating
 - 38% go Hunting
 - 35% go Hiking
 - 32% go Motorcycle Riding
 - 26% go Golfing
 - 17% go Personal Watercraft Riding
 - 15% go Downhill Skiing
 - 15% do other recreational Activities
- Yes, we are a year around active group!
7. Approximately 79% of the snowmobilers are male.
 8. Snowmobilers are a big part of the winter economic engine by spending an average of \$3349 each year going snowmobiling, traveling to their snowmobiling spot, and food, gas, and lodging. In many places of North America, snowmobilers pay the bills for people involved in the Winter Tourism Industries and related businesses.
 9. To help snowmobilers promote their sport, the snowmobile manufacturers have created a number of supporting communication tools.
 - a. We have created a Dropbox where interested

individuals can access the most current family friendly snowmobile photos. (Just click on this link: <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/fvlppq3ko0ln7s1/AABqbQlxMDx4DsR7a26GhQOPa?dl=0>) We encourage people to use these photos in the development of trail maps, advertising pieces, or just flyers supporting a snowmobiling activity. The photos are free and can be used in promoting recreation family snowmobiling.

b. Also, ISMA has created a Facebook page www.facebook.com/GoSnowmobiling. If you are on Facebook and want to see snowmobiling posts, please FOLLOW our page. You can also share your snowmobiling pictures, events, etc. on our page and they will be viewed by followers from around the world!

c. We have two websites: www.snowmobile.org and www.gosnowmobiling.org that contain a lot of information, links, downloadable materials, etc. to help support you and educate you on key issues related to snowmobiling and help you better know the activities going on. Our websites are connected to other websites around the world including all of the United States and Canadian State and Provincial Snowmobile Associations which contain all of the local information that you may need.

The winter outlook is looking good for snowmobiling and we are looking forward to a great season!

New Government Report Reaffirms Outdoor Recreation's Role as a Significant Economic Driver

Newly released economic data on the national and, for the first time ever, state levels reinforce what the outdoor recreation industry has long believed: Outdoor recreation is a powerful driver of national and local economies and it is growing faster than the U.S. economy as a whole.

This is the second consecutive year that the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA), an agency of the U.S. Department of Commerce, has released formal, national-level data, a notable milestone for the industry now identified as a unique sector of the economy. For the first time, BEA also released preliminary data on the outdoor recreation economy at the state level for all fifty states and the District of Columbia.

Having a rich set of both state and national data on outdoor recreation to draw upon will inform decision-making by businesses, policymakers, and managers of public lands and waters.

Highlights from BEA's new report on the outdoor recreation economy:

- Outdoor recreation makes up 2.2 percent of U.S. GDP, generating \$778 billion in

gross output and supporting 5.2 million jobs.

- In terms of economic output, boating/fishing, RVing, motorcycling/ATVing, hunting/shooting/trapping and equestrian sports are the five largest conventional outdoor recreation activities.

- Outdoor recreation's share of GDP is larger than a host of traditionally recognized industries, including mining, utilities, farming and ranching, and chemical products manufacturing.

- The top five states where outdoor recreation accounts for the largest percentage of each states' total GDP are Hawaii, Montana, Maine, Vermont and Wyoming.

- The top five states where outdoor recreation accounts for the largest percentage of total U.S. GDP are California, Florida, Illinois, New York and Texas.

"Since introducing outdoor recreation statistics last year, it's been good to hear businesspeople, policymakers, and outdoor enthusiasts confirm the value of these data," said Brian Moyer, director of BEA. "Today we're taking these economic data to the next level by breaking them down by state, showing the impact of activities like bicycling, fishing, and skiing in the places where the equipment is made, the park fees are paid, and people have fun."

"Outdoor recreation is vital to the economy in New Hampshire and around the country," said Senator Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH). "As the

co-author of legislation that secured this study, I understand how critical this new, state level data will be in helping to quantify the economic impact, demonstrate the importance of the outdoor recreation industry, and inform policymakers about how best to strengthen this important sector of our economy."

"The Forest Service provides many services to the American public through outdoor recreation and we are pleased to be doing our part to sustain that thriving economy – serving 150 million visitors directly on our national forests and 300 million more on natural and scenic roads passing through our forests and grasslands each year," said Vicki Christiansen, chief of the U.S. Forest Service. "We proudly partner with Outdoor Recreation Roundtable members and other businesses and local communities to deliver high-quality recreation experiences."

"Today's release of state data is a significant step forward for the entire outdoor recreation industry," said Jessica Wahl, executive director of the Outdoor Recreation Roundtable (ORR). "This second full year of national data – together with prototype state-level numbers – proves that our industry is a driving economic force across the country. ORR will continue to work with Congress, federal agencies, state governments and others to ensure that everyone has access to our public lands and waters and that our nation's outdoor infrastructure can sus-

tain and grow healthy communities and healthy economies."

"While this report contains many invaluable insights, there is one takeaway that bears repeating: The outdoor recreation industry – led by boating and fishing – has earned its seat at the decision-making table," said Nicole Vasilaros, senior vice president of government and legal affairs at the National Marine Manufacturers Association (NMMA). "Thanks to unwavering support from Senator Cory Gardner, Senator Jeanne Shaheen, and Congressman Don Beyer, BEA was able to expand the study's initial scope and shine a light on the tremendous economic benefits outdoor recreation activities provide in each state. Armed with this new, robust set of data, we will continue educating policymakers on actions they should take to promote and enhance outdoor recreation opportunities across the country."

Ed Klim, president of the International Snowmobile

Manufacturers Association (ISMA), an ORR Board of Directors member, states, "Collectively, Outdoor Recreation is very important for the American economy. Snowmobiling, which is enjoyed by over 3 million Americans, generates over \$20 Billion dollars of economic activity in rural American economies. In many cases, snowmobiling is the recreation of choice for residents living in the northern snow-belt region of the United States, and supports local businesses during the winter months. Snowmobilers are active all year, and participate in many other forms of outdoor recreation."

America's outdoor recreation community, represented by ORR, is working to ensure permanent funding for the Outdoor Recreation Satellite Account (ORSA) – BEA's official designation for this project – so the economic importance of national and regional outdoor recreation economies can be tracked for years to come.



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Local snowmobile community supplies 13-year-old cancer survivor

Jesse Graham, of Newcastle, has been gifted sleds, equipment and money to get him out on the snow this year

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Some people just can't wait for the first snowfall of the season to hop on their Ski-Doos, Arctic Cats and Polaris and take off across the landscape.

On Saturday, the 307 Riders Snowmobile Club hosted its fourth annual Grass Drags and Swap meet at Cam-Plex.

More than 50 riders showed up with all different types of snowmobiles — large and small, expensive and cheap, stock and modified, some with metal spikes in the tracks to make for the best traction on the grass surface. They raced two at a time and waited for the light on the Christmas tree to turn green. The light flashes on and the two riders open up their throttles to speed down a 300-foot stretch of turf, reaching speeds of 80 mph to display who has the fastest machine and quickest reaction time.

One of the competitors in the grass drag races was 13-year-old Jesse Graham, who goes by the nickname JR. It was his first time racing. He rode on a snowmobile that the 307 Riders supplied. It was painted lime green, the color of the cancer he's been fighting.

Graham, from Newcastle, is a new member of the area's snowmobile riding community and a survivor of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, a type of cancer that attacks the body's immune system.

Graham almost died from the cancer over a year ago when his body started shutting down during treatment. They found the cancer at Stage 3. He stayed at Children's Hospital Colorado in Denver for about six months because Wyoming doesn't have a child cancer center. Graham underwent chemotherapy and other treatments to eradicate the cancer.

"Oh, it was hard, but you got to do what you

got to do, I guess," JR said, shrugging off his fight with cancer and the burning, stinging chemotherapy as just another fact of life he had to deal with, like putting his shoes on or going to school.

Graham had been in a life-threatening situation earlier in his life when he was in a head-on car crash at age 3 that left him with a cracked skull and a chunk of his frontal lobe gone.

When JR was going through his cancer treatment, Graham's father, George Graham, got into a cycle for those six months. He worked for six days in Newcastle and then drove to Denver to see JR at the hospital for eight days so he could keep money coming in.

"It was draining, mentally and physically, on the whole family," George said. "I was always worried about him when I was at work."

The doctors at Children's Hospital Colorado declared JR cancer free Oct. 1, 2018, but he still needs to get blood work and other tests done to make sure he stays free of the disease.

After he was declared cancer free, JR got involved in snowmobiling. His friend owned a snowmobile and the two would ride it around together last year, switching off driving the machine. But his friend's snowmobile broke down and Graham couldn't ride anymore.

Graham would pester his father about helping him fix up the sled to get him back out with his buddy.

"He's been on me all winter, through the rest of the winter and through the summer about getting a sled. Of course, with finances after his treatment and everything, we just couldn't afford it," George said.

The cancer treatment cost about \$1.25 mil-

lion in total for JR's six months at the hospital, George said.

Then, about a month ago, George asked co-worker Ryan Koch, an avid snowmobile rider, if he could help him get the broken snowmobile up and running.

Koch and Kelly Weeks, the head of the 307 Riders Snowmobile Club, started talking about JR's situation, and from that interaction and Facebook, they started gaining momentum.

"I just put a post on (Facebook) looking for parts for his old Arctic Cat," Koch said. "Another guy said, 'Why fix that up? I'll give you another sled if you can get it out to Wyoming.'"

By Saturday, there had been four sleds donated to the family: two for riding and the other two for parts.

Destination X donated a new helmet, Action Motorsports Inc. donated new boots, and others donated a riding jacket, riding pants and more equipment to keep JR warm on the trails.

"It just kind of blew up," Koch said. "(Others) donated a bunch of time, parts and guided trips. It went from just a local thing, all the way up and around. We've got guys from Minnesota out to Michigan to Alaska. They're donating time, parts, sled gear — everything to get him out on the snow."

Half of the donations from Saturday's event went to JR as well.

After Boyd's Outdoor Powersports in Gillette fixes Graham's snowmobile for free, JR will be able to tear up the powder again.

"That's what we all hoped for in the sled world, was just to get (JR) into what we have a passion for," Koch said.

